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REMARKS

Response to Advisory Action

The Examiner states that claims 52 [sic] and 59 require a new ground of rejection because of the insertion of "[00148]". Applicant respectfully responds that such was a minor typographical error. The amendments were to insert the word "above" before the "0". Support is found at paragraph [00148]. Applicant has corrected the error in claims 53 and 59 and apologizes for the inconvenience to the Examiner.

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

Response to Office Action dated March 9, 2007

Claim 19 is canceled hereby. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 11-18, 20-38, 42, 47, 49-51, 53 and 59 are amended. Claims 1-7, 9-18, 20-53 and 59 are pending. The amendments place the application in condition for allowance and/or better form for appeal and should thus be entered after final rejection. Entry of the amendments, further examination of the application, as amended, and reconsideration of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 53 and 59 are amended to specify a polymerization pressure from above 0 kPa to correspond with the disclosure in paragraph [0148]. No new matter or new issues are presented thereby, and it is believed that the Section 112, first paragraph rejection is thus overcome.

Claim 59 is amended to specify a contacting step as recited in original claim 1, for example. No new matter or new issues are presented thereby, and it is believed that the Section 112, second paragraph rejection is thus overcome.

The outstanding prior art rejections are applied only against claims 1-18, 20-21, 26-27, 33-53 and 59, in view of Halasa (claims 1-4, 6, 11, 26-27, 33, 35-43, 49-50, 53 and 59), Clough (claims 1-7, 9-17, 26-27, 33-51, 53 and 59), Falchi (claims 1-5, 9-10, 14-18, 26-27, 35, 37, 49-50, 53 and 59), and Calfce (claims 1-7, 9-10, 12-13, 20-21, 26-27, 33, 35-41, 47,

51, 53 and 59). No prior art rejections were made against claims 19 and 22-25 specifying certain Lewis acids, or against claims 28-32 specifying certain initiators.

The only other issue in the case is the provisional double patenting rejection. Initially, it is noted a terminal disclaimer has already been filed of record in US 10/538,984 with respect to the present application. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith in respect of 10/539,015, which has now issued as US 7,214,750.

The cited co-pending '013 application has claims which all contain features in addition to those specified in the claims herein, e.g., a polymerization process wherein the polymerization medium is evaporated during the polymerization of the monomers with a catalyst system and an HFC diluent, and therefore can be considered as the improvement application for the purpose of applying any provisional double patenting rejecting. Therefore,

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it is appropriate to withdraw the double patenting rejection in this case and, if appropriate, impose it in the cited co-pending '013 application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of such is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments during the entire pendency of this case to Deposit Account No. 05-1712.

Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney, if there are any issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Examiner's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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